# Grit is refusing to give up when life gets hard.

DAY 1

## Read 1 Corinthians 16:13

When Pharoah made a terrible rule, Moses' mother had to do some quick and creative thinking to save him. Just imagine how much faith it took for her to set that basket in the river. Thankfully, God protected Moses!

This week, you might need some creative thinking of your own to solve a problem. Trust God to give you the grit you need even when you don't know what to do.

# **Decode A Riddle**

Use that creative brain of yours to decipher the code below and reveal the hidden message.















(Answer: Be on your guard. Stay strong. Be brave.)

DAY 2

# Read 2 Corinthians 12:10

# **Opposites Attract**

Write down the opposite for each word in the blank.

Up	 Hot	
Left	 Light	
Quiet	 Night	
East	 Tall	
On	 Open	
Front	 Wet	

That was easy! You know what's not so easy? Doing the opposite of what you *feel* like doing. Can you imagine being happy to be weak? Being joyful when you face hard times? Thankful when others say mean things about you? Glad when life is tough and you suffer?

You see, Paul knew that when he was weak and needed help, God would show up and give him strength. He could rely on God.

What does this mean for you and me? Well, it's not always easy to make the wise choice. But real grit means we keep making the wise choice even when we want to do the opposite! This week, when you have a choice to make, ask God to help you hold on even when it's the opposite of what you feel like doing.

A Devotional on Grit There's More!

# Read 1 Corinthians 15:58

Have you ever had a staring contest? Grab a family member or friend and challenge them to see who can stare the longest without smiling.

How did you do? It can be really hard to keep a straight face when you're staring directly at your silly younger brother. In our verse today, Paul talks about standing firm and not letting anything move you. Paul is talking about grit—holding on even when things get tough. Why? Because you belong to God. God can help you keep doing the right thing even when you aren't sure how things will work out.

This week, when you're faced with something tough, stop and remember that God knows exactly what will happen in this situation. Ask God to give you the grit to keep doing the right thing.



DAY 4

# Read Psalm 31:24

We all hope certain things will happen the way we want them to, but the truth is, sometimes we're left disappointed.

But there is One who always keeps promises. There is One we can always lean on, depend on, put all our trust in. Look back at today's verse to see if you can guess who it is.

Yes, God! That's right. And when we put our hope God, we can be strong. We can keep going because God's strength and power is unlimited. When you don't know how things will work out, remember God is on your side and will help you stand strong with grit.

### Words to find:

Can you crack the code to find the secret message below? Don't give up. You can do it! (Do you want a little hint? Okay, your hint is alphabet.)

2 5 19 20 18 15 14 7
.... 16 21 20 25 15 21 18 8 15 16 5 9 14
.... 20 8 5 12 15 18 8 4
.... 14 5 22 5 18 7 9 22 5 21 16

Be strong. Put your hope in the Lord. Never give up.



